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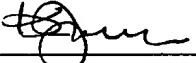
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002 in the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments in the Claims**

Please cancel claims 5 and 7 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, and 16 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for mechanically opening at least one blood vessel in the neck of a slaughter animal, in particular a fowl, comprising:  
positioning the neck of the slaughter animal, wherein the neck comprises a longitudinal axis; and